

# THE DALLAS POST

## EDITORIALS

### Assassination of Kennedy was a dark day for nation

NOVEMBER 22, 1963 - Those of us old enough to be aware of what had happened that day will always remember our feelings and fears. The assassination of John F. Kennedy shocked us to the core. Here we had been the most powerful and prosperous nation on earth - perhaps in its history - and our new leader had been struck down as if we were just another undeveloped country. There followed rumors of plots too sinister and complex to imagine. Some even suggested that our own citizens had arranged for their President's death.

Not only was this the first such event in decades, it was the first in the television age, so we were able to stay informed of new developments almost as if we were there in Dallas. Then, we were present at the funeral, as the horse-drawn hearse made its way through the streets of our Capitol, and we mourned with the family and associates of the slain hero. We felt one with them.

It got worse. Within five years several more of our nation's leaders were gunned down. It seemed as if the United States was falling into an abyss of violence which would drive it into anarchy and deprive it of many of the great figures of the time.

We may never know or understand what went wrong in America during those dark days. After the assassination, the nation was in turmoil on many fronts; citizens were beginning to protest the Vietnam War, poor blacks were rioting in the cities and our leaders seemed powerless to solve our problems.

Yet, the system and our society prevailed. The killing stopped and so did the rioting. The nation worked its way painfully to a withdrawal from Vietnam. We began to make new initiatives in the world.

And now, 25 years later, we still mourn the loss of JFK. He was a leader who inspired us with his ambition and vision, who challenged us with his dreams and who charmed us with his wit. We haven't seen the same combination since.

### It will be a long winter for Back Mountain fans

Well, now the debate about which team is king of the Back Mountain's hill will rage all winter long. Last week's 21-21 tie in the Old Shoe game, while perhaps a fitting end to two fine seasons, left each team and its fans unsatisfied. But they should all be proud.

Congratulations are due to both teams for a well-played game filled with thrilling moments. Now we hope the Dallas Mountaineers will continue to win in post season play, proving that any team that could tie them deserved to be in the playoffs, too.

### Let's get behind Mr. Bush

Now that the long and hard fought election for President is over, it's time for all Americans to unite behind the victor, George Bush. He faces many important decisions in the coming months and years - decisions that will often be politically difficult. We offer Mr. Bush and his associates our congratulations and our support in their task.

We would have liked to have seen more citizens exercise their right to participate in this election. With only one-half the eligible voters casting their ballots, the percentage of the population that voted for Mr. Bush was the lowest in any two-man Presidential race in this century. We point this out not to diminish Mr. Bush's victory, but in the hope that some of the persons who did not vote will do so in the next election.



### Have you any wool?

A poetic question we asked this furry creature one cold Sunday on Idetown Road in Lehman. (Photo by Charlotte Bartizek)

## Letters

### Dallas residents ask review of zoning ordinances

*Editor's note, A copy of the letter below was sent to each member of the Dallas Borough Council. The authors gave us permission to publish it so that the community would be aware of their concerns.*

Dallas Borough Council  
Dallas, PA  
Gentlemen:

We have voiced our opinion opposing the rezoning of the proposed Deer Meadow development from Conservation I to Residential I many times over the past months. Enclosed is a copy of our personal letter of June 17, a copy of our concerned citizens' letter of June 27 and a copy of our letter (co-signed by Paul and Lucille Callahan) of August 9, 1988.

We have tried to sincerely express our deep concern with the issue of zoning changes within Dallas Borough. We care very much about the future use of lands in our neighborhood. And at that time, in our opinion, it was in the best interest of the citizens who reside in Dallas Borough to have the Borough Council maintain existing zoning ordinances.

As we have stated before, we do not oppose progress and growth in Dallas Borough nor are we "selfish" people who do not want neighbors. Rather, we are concerned citizens who want the Borough Council to recognize the magnitude of their decisions. We want the Borough Council to respect and consider our opinions. We want the Borough Council to realize that the Back Mountain is entering a new phase of growth, bringing new questions that will require new answers. We expect the Borough Council to solicit, seek, and heed advice and counsel from many professional and volunteer sources, including the Luzerne County Planning Commission, the Back Mountain Citizens' Council, D.E.R., the Dallas Post, the Times Leader, and also from private concerned citizens.

It is your responsibility as Dallas Borough Council members to consider what is in the best interest of Dallas Borough residents before allowing continued growth and development in our community.

Regardless of your decisions, we will have continued interest in the Dallas Borough's zoning ordinances and planning process.

As a result of investigating "the Borough Code" and reviewing certain portions of the Dallas Zoning Ordinance, we would strongly suggest that these laws come under immediate review by the Borough Council. In our opinion, the requirements specified by the existing ordinances were outdated and would be inadequate to protect our area from future unwanted changes.

We realize that this would be a complex and time consuming endeavor, but it is necessary that it be done as soon as possible. We would recommend that you request the assistance of the Back Mountain Citizens Council for this project. Some of this organization's objectives are:

1. To work with municipalities, to combine their resources and to develop some area-wide compatible zoning regulations.
2. Recommend the most appropriate planning affecting growth and development.
3. Assist local officials to reach a balance of growth and environmental protection.
4. Educate citizens and officials on planning and zoning.
5. Develop a list of sources for available funding to assist local municipalities in financing the cost of better planning.

In closing, the Dallas Borough Council cannot ignore the fact that the Back Mountain area is rapidly growing and developing. It is the duty of the Borough Council as elected community officials to address the impact of these changes. We strongly recommend that positive action be taken on November 15 by making a motion (voting) to have two representatives from the Dallas Zoning Board, the Dallas Planning Board and the Dallas Borough Council meet with the Back Mountain Citizens' Council on December 5. At this time, the Back Mountain Citizens' Council has a meeting scheduled with the Secretary of the Department of Community Affairs, Karen Miller.

Thank you in advance for demonstrating your concern for our community.

Paul and Lucille Callahan  
John and Elizabeth Lloyd

### The library goes to readers when needed

By NANCY KOZEMCHAK

On my recent visit to the Meadows Apartments with books for our library readers, I was sorry to realize that my readers have diminished. Three of our faithful borrowers of library books have passed away in the past year and we feel the loss, as they had become very special to us. Charlotte Oley, staff member, and I went over to the Meadows Nursing Center later in the day to visit with Mrs. Marguerite Brace. Mrs. Brace was a special shut-in of the library for many years. We both got to know Mrs. Brace so well and enjoyed her "sit down and chat for a while" invi-

tation every time we went. She is an interesting person and a very kind individual. She is now waiting to celebrate her 97th birthday and is doing quite well. We had a very enjoyable visit with her. While there, we went to the third floor to visit Charlie Allen, who's wife, Grace, was our cleaning person at the old library for many years. It was good to see him and chat with him a while.

The invitations for the library Christmas dance will be sent out next week. If you want an invitation, contact the library and one will be mailed to you. Only 200 reservations will be taken for the dance

which will be held Thursday night, December 8 at The Barn at Newberry's. Reservations are due by November 27. Dr. John Shaskas is chairman of the dance.

NEW BOOK: "The First Salute" by Barara W. Tuchman is a non-fiction book in which the author turns her sights homeward to give us a deeply insightful view of certain pivotal events of the American Revolution. She appraises the political, emotional, and geographical imperatives at work for each of the warring forces during the long, ragged years of conflict. This is a work of singular synthesis and fascination giving us a broadened understanding.

## Only yesterday

### 50 Years Ago - Nov. 18, 1938 We could have been Bedford Hills

Dr. H.A. Brown suggested Bedford Hills as name for Back Mountain. Squire Ralph Davis, Alderson, captures wildcat alive in his backyard.

Lehman Board will open bids on new school Nov. 30.

Lehman and Kingston Twp. teams tie for league title as they meet Thanksgiving Day.

Married - Ruth Kresge and Byron Koher; Alberta Mullen and Edward Miner.

### 40 Years - Nov. 19, 1948 First Old Shoe Game is played

Dallas Rotary Club to award Old Shoe trophy to winner of Dallas Twp. and Kingston Twp. Thanksgiving Day game.

Dallas M.E. Church to present sacred cantata "Ruth".

Forty two veterans enrolled in Dallas Twp. agricultural school.

Back Mountain representatives to meet to form Church Basketball League.

Married - Doris Dionne and Roger Lauzon; Kathryn J. Ballantine and Cletus Holcomb.

### 30 Years Ago - Nov. 21, 1958 School to install rifle range

Lake-Lehman District to install indoor .22 rifle range for students. Dallas Branch of Miners National Bank gives \$500 scholarship for College Misericordia.

Rural Supply Company breaks ground for new industrial branch in Dallas.

Back Mountain police take training courses at Wilkes College.

Harold Payne and two other Dallas men open new \$350,000 building in West Virginia.

Married - Alma Mae Brown and PFC Harry F. Klotz; Shirley J. Yeust and Joseph Edwards.

### 20 Years Ago - Nov. 21, 1968 Heavy snow delays meetings

Lake-Lehman School Board delayed its meeting because of heavy snow Nov. 12.

Anthony Toluba claims Harveys Lake and Luzerne County Planning Commission have personal vendetta against him.

Kingston Township has set up a Water Commission to hear residents complaints. Kingston Twp. residents to take water complaints to PUC.

Trojans beat Lake-Lehman; Coughlin nips Dallas.

Engaged - Abby Jones and Paul Campbell; Marjorie Walp and Peter E. Blessing.

### 10 Years Ago - Nov. 23, 1978 Motorcycles a concern

Motorcycle racing variance is controversy for Franklin Twp. zoners.

Lake-Lehman Board defends new Lake school plan at Lake taxpayers meeting.

Noxen school deed turned over to Noxen Township supervisor at Shippensburg.

Engaged - Deborah Hules and Henry Betcher; Deborah Crossman and Stephen DeBarry Jr.

## Correction

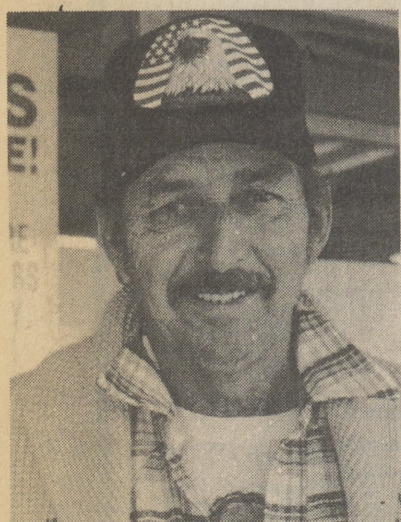
On page 8 of the November 9 issue of the Dallas Post, the photos of Stacy Chamberlain and Rachael Holthaus were reversed. The Post regrets the error.

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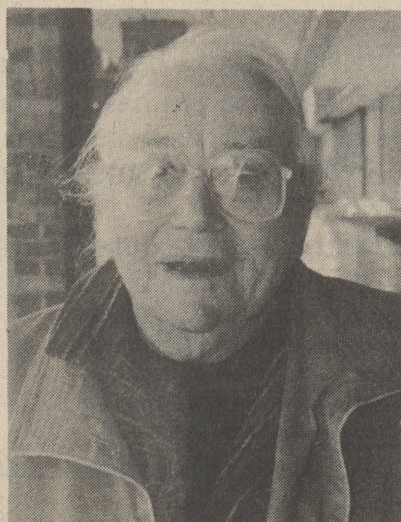
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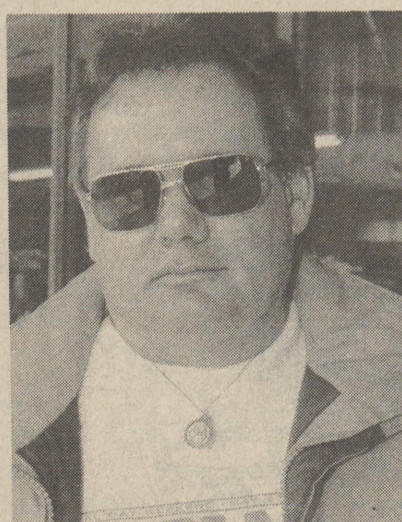
## The Post asks: "Do you remember where you were when J.F.K. was shot?"



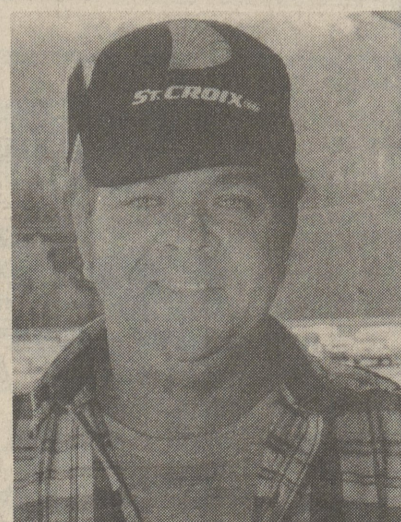
**Robert Dale**  
Operating Engineer  
Harveys Lake  
"Yes, we were building Mets Stadium in New York, we were doing the parking lot when the foreman came out and told us."



**Olive Lawrance**  
Retired  
Needham, Mass.  
"Yes, I do, I was in Peterboro, N.H., shopping in a feed and grain store when it came over the radio. I remember on our way home seeing an old man outside crying while putting his flag at half-mast."



**Vito La Nave**  
Manager  
Swoyersville  
"Yes, I was in New City, New York running a route and one of my customers told me he heard it on T.V."



**Robert Baldoni**  
Car salesman  
Harveys Lake  
"Yes, I was at Wallow Grove Naval Base, I heard it come over the radio."



**Miriam Dymond**  
Housewife  
Dallas  
"Yes, I was ironing while waiting for my mother and sister to come over to celebrate my birthday."



**Mary Dower**  
Payroll Specialist  
Beaumont  
"Yes, Peoria, Ill., I was a senior in high school and I was in a lunch line when it came over the loud speaker, I couldn't believe it."